**उर्दू के समाचारपत्रों/रिसालों के लिये अखबारी कागज का कोटा**

*307. **श्री मोहम्मद अफज़ल उर्फ मीम अफ़जल:** क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान उर्दू के कितने समाचारपत्रों/रिसालों के लिए अखबारी कागज का कोटा दिया गया था; और

(ख) इन समाचारपत्रों/रिसालों के नाम क्या हैं और रतयेक की गराहक संख्या और उसे अखबारी कागज के कोटे की दी गई मात्रा का ब्यौरा क्या है?

**सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (कुमारी गिरिजा व्यास):** (क) और (ख) भारत के समाचारपत्रों के पंजीयक के कार्यालय में उपलब्ध रिकार्ड के अनुसार वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान उर्दू के 240 समाचारपत्रों/पत्रिकाओं को अखबारी कागज का कोटा दिया गया। उनके नाम, प्रसार आंकड़े तथा उक्त अवधि के दौरान आवंटित अखबारी कागज की मात्रा अनुपत्र में दी गई है। **[देखिए परिशिष्ट 165, अनुपत्र संख्या 53]**

**Differences between India and Nepal over Tanakpur Barrage**

@*308. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are differences between India and Nepal over the Tanakpur barrage;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the main points of difference; and

(c) what action Government have taken to resolve the differences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Some issues arose between India and Nepal over Tanakpur Barrage. Understanding has been reached between the two countries on these issues following the visit of Indian Prime Minister to Nepal in october, 1992. Thus the issues stand resolved.

*Previously starred question 268, transferred from 11th December, 1992.

(b) and (c) In view of the above the question does not arise.

**Sanction of Projects by the Rural Electrification Corporation**

*309. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rural Electrification Corporation has sanctioned more projects during the current year;

(b) if so, what are details thereof, State-wise, particularly, the amounts sanctioned and physical targets likely to be achieved under the scheme; and

(c) what are the details of the schemes approved for Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, particularly, for the rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) During the current financial year upto the end of October, 1992, the Corporation has sanctioned 25 projects. The details of such projects alongwith the amount of loan sanctioned and physical targets likely to be achieved are given in the statement attached. *[see below]*

(c) As at the end of October, 1992, REC has sanctioned 2381 and 4008 schemes for Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh respectively, covering electrification of about 12,000 villages and energisation of 8 lack pumpsets in Maharashtra and electrification of about 59,000 villages and energisation of 7.7 lakhs pumpsets in Madhya Pradesh.

**Statement**

*Number of Projects Approved, Loan Sanctioned and Coverage Envisaged During 1992-93 (upto the Month of October, 1992)*

(Prov.)

| Sl. No. | State | No. of Projects | | Loan Amount (Rs. lakhs) | Coverage | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Villages | Pumpsets |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 5 | | 281.900 | | 1960 |
| | | 7 | * | 536.390 | | |
| 2. | Gujarat | 4 | * | 594.160 | | |
| 3. | Karnataka | 1 | * | 55.100 | | |
| 4. | Uttar Pradesh | 8 | * | 984.598 | | |
| | | 25 | | 2452.148 | | 1960 |

**Portfolio investments of Air India**

*310. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have enquired about the portfolio investments of Air India; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Air India had deposited Rs. 59.28 crores during the period 10.2.92 to 7.5.92 in the Portfolio Management Scheme of Citi Bank. Prime-facio these deposits were not in accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of the Air Corporations Act and instructions issued thereunder.

*System Improvement Schemes.

**Benefit to Gujarat under the Agriculture and Rural Debt Relief Scheme**

*311. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of farmers who have been given the benefit in different States under the Agriculture Rural Debt Relief Scheme, 1990;

(b) what is the amount that has been released to the State of Gujarat under this Scheme;

(c) what is the amount yet to be released to Gujarat under the Scheme;

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to give the benefit of the Scheme to the borrowers who have paid their dues regularly; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) As per information available as on 16.11.1992, a total number of 3.16 crores persons have been provided relief by the Public Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks and Cooperative Banks under Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) Scheme, 1990 in the country. State-wise details are given in the statement attached. *[see below]*